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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CITY OF BURNET IN CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY 2006

BURNET, TEXAS, April 21, 2006 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, today presented a ceremonial check to the City of Burnet for a \$1,050,000 Water and Waste Disposal Loan in celebration of Earth Day 2006. The funds will be used to improve the City's existing wastewater collection system. The proposed project will include the construction of a wastewater relief inceptor and a lift station with a wastewater line. These improvements will benefit public health and safety by reducing the high potential of wastewater overflow from existing surcharged sewer lines.

"The City of Burnet will utilize these funds northeast of the city where County Government, inmate detention housing, commercial childcare facilities, and a housing project are located," said Daniel. "These areas are currently at risk of overflowing wastewater lines and it is time to update and improve the wastewater system for the health and safety of the community."

USDA Rural Development Community Programs provide funding for construction, improvement, or expansion of water and waste disposal systems, telecommunication and education resources, and necessary community facilities.

USDA Rural Development Water and Wastewater Program is designed to bring fresh, clean, drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operating on a non-profit basis, and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms are eligible for assistance.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Georgetown local office at 512-863-6502 Ext. 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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